

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

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Rutland, Vt., Oct. 5, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

Your favor of the 3rd inst. at hand and contents noted. I can only add ~~from~~ ^{to} what I wrote in former letter, that Mr. Hinsman is only too anxious to attempt the building of the chapel, though I confess I dislike beyond expression having him leave us on any occasion whatever, as we want him so badly right here; but I am willing to make the sacrifice if it is necessary. As I may have stated, I feel that I must keep the sum within the amount which I have specified. I thought first of \$50,000 and talked of that, and then it was stated between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and it has gone to that sum and I am willing to stand for that amount, but I must draw the line there. I wish to say to you confidentially that I have something in mind that I would like to do for Rutland and would like to start the same now, but this horrid war has obliged me to wait to see what the future may have in store for us. Thus, I wish you would keep in mind that I want to limit my gift to the amount above specified. I do feel that we should keep within this amount and can do so if the thing is properly handled. I am now quite busily occupied in Mr. Hinsman's, (my son-in-law,) campaign for the State Senate, as I do feel that it is very necessary for our college and for the protection of the business men of our state that we should have a full and strong representation in the senate for mutual protection, and thus it takes quite a little time, as it were, to sort of look after his campaign. He is a good fighter for somebody else but a very poor one when it comes to a personal matter.

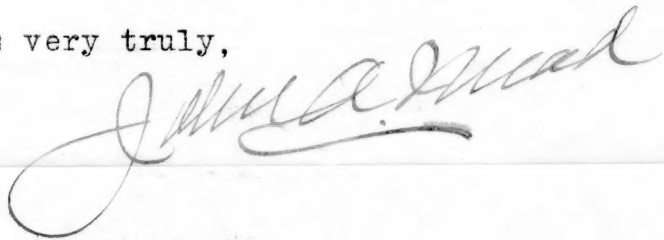
(J. M. T. #2)

Referring to the statement made and of ~~your~~ affairs, as to Mr. Lyman's not wanting to have an architect a "fussing around", you need not worry for a moment about that. Mr. Lyman will do anything within the bounds of reason that I ask him to and he will make any change on this building that we may wish, or submit to any suggestions from ~~others~~ ^{if ~~it~~ is ^{think} thought} best to put him to work. I wish you would forget this part of it.

I regret that Mr. Partridge did not seem inclined to make some concession on the marble part, as I was in hopes he would do so and quite generously.

As to Mr. Bowker, I have the specifications here waiting for him to take the same. He has been out of town for two or three days and thus I have not been able to reach him. Shall without doubt see him to-day.

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. M. T.", is written over the typed signature line.